



City of Rockville
MEMORANDUM

October 14, 2005

TO: Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan Advisory Group (TNPAG)

FROM: Ann Wallas, Long Range Planning

SUBJECT: **TNPAG Meeting Thursday October 20, 2005**
Community Revitalization

Our next few meetings offer an opportunity to revisit some of the issues we have covered in the past few months, and think about how they come together to form a whole system. We have thought about revitalization in the land use sense and have identified certain areas that we believe would work better in a different way – but now we have an opportunity to think further about the sorts of uses that might be included – and what kind of neighborhood centers we believe would work over the next few years.

We have invited the business and property owners in the area to an Information Session on October 26, 2005 at 3pm in the Meeting Room at the Twinbrook Library. We will be letting them know about the planning process that is underway, and asking them for their ideas for improving the area. We will also be surveying the business community once again in the hopes of receiving a greater response than we have in the past. We should like to hear from you, on October 20, about any ideas that you believe should be brought forward in our discussions with the business community. Do you have suggestions for the kinds of stores and services that should be offered in the neighborhood? We should try to think not merely of the past, but of what will work in the future - the existing property and business owners provide a range of goods and services to the neighborhood and to others from further afield - what role will they play in the future? Would the group support an increased civic presence at the neighborhood centers – we have the Federal Government (U.S. Post Office) and Montgomery County (the Library) – what kind of City presence might be appropriate?

We will also discuss the kinds of initiatives that might be appropriate to support and enhance the existing businesses in the near future.

As progress is made on the new Town Center and on Twinbrook Commons, development companies are taking a fresh look at the City and are enquiring about the development possibilities on adjacent sites. We have an opportunity to think about our response to these initiatives, and to shape the future of the area. We will be bringing in information of the sorts of proposals that may come forward in the near future, and you will have the opportunity to give your feedback to us.

Mark your calendars:

At our **November 3, 2005** meeting we will be determining which actions should take priority, which issues will require further research and which issues should be noted, but fall outside the purview of this plan. One issue that will certainly require further research, and on which the TNPAG has expressed an interest, is that of neighborhood Conservation Districts. We have invited Judy Christensen and her team, who are working with Lincoln Park to develop a Conservation District of their own, to come and tell the group how the process works, what the next steps will be and what recommendations the Plan should make. Advisory Group members should then be able to use this information to talk with their neighborhood groups about the issue and decide whether they should proceed with the process at the neighborhood level.

A public presentation will be held at the Civic Center in Glenview Mansion on **Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.** concerning the Long Range Plan for Glenview Mansion and Surrounding Grounds.

In 2002, the Mayor and Council adopted this Plan, which sets forth the City's policies and procedures for preserving the Mansion and its grounds. Preliminary designs are ready to be presented to the public for information, review and comment.

Please contact Lew Dronenburg at 240-314-8662 if there are any questions, or if individuals are interested in obtaining a copy of the preliminary design plans prior to the presentation.

Enclosures

The following information is enclosed with this memo:

- Agenda for the TNPAG meeting on Thursday October 20, 2005, at 7:00 pm in the Dining Room at Glenview Mansion.
- Flyer for the Information Session for Business Owners.
- Meeting Notes from the September 29, 2005 meeting.

If you were unable to join us on September 29, 2005, you will also find copies of the information handed out during the meeting.



Save the Date!
Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan
Information Session
For Business Owners

October 26th 2005 @ 3:00pm
Twinbrook Library
202 Meadow Hall Drive

Contact: Ann Wallas @ 240-314-8205 or
Jennifer Zirkle @ 240-314-8216

**Here's your chance to get info, ask questions and
provide valuable input for the Twinbrook
Neighborhood Plan. Refreshments provided.**

<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/twinbrook>

Hotline Number: 240-314-8217